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SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE 1969 AMENDMENTS TO 1954 CONVENTION FOR  
PREVENTION OF POLLUTION OF SEA BY OIL

REFERENCE: RABAT 326 (NOTAL); STATE 6120

1. DEPT. DOES NOT SEE ANY CONFLICT BETWEEN BARCELONA  
ACCORDS (CONVENTION FOR PROTECTION OF MEDITERRANEANSEA  
AGAINST POLLUTION) AND 1969 AMENDMENTS. CONTRACTING  
PARTIES OF ACCORDS AGREE IN ART. 6 TO QTE TAKE ALL MEA-  
SURES IN CONFORMITY WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW TO PREVENT,  
ABATE AND COMBAT PLUTION OF THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA AREA  
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CAUSED BY DISCHARGES FROM SHIPS...UNQTE. ART. 3 OF  
ACCORD'S DUMPING PROTOCOL EXCEPTS QTE DISPOSAL AT SEA OF  
WASTES OR OTHER MATTER INCIDENTAL TO, OR DERIVED FROM  
NORMAL OPERATIONS OF VESSELS,...UNQTE.

2. WHILE 1969 AMENDMENTS ELIMINATE PROHIBITED ZONES SET  
UP BY '54 CONVENTION AS AMENDED 1962 WITHIN 100 MILES OF

COASTS OF CERTAIN AREAS, INCLUDING MEDITERRANEAN, USG BELIEVES THIS MORE THAN OFFSET BY STRICTER DISCHARGE STANDARDS OF 1969 AMENDMENTS, WHICH ALSO PROHIBIT ANY TANKER DISCHARGES WITHIN 50 MILES OF NEAREST LAND. 1973 CONVENTION CLEARLY EVEN BETTER AS IT RESTORES MEDITERRANEAN AS SPECIALLY PROTECTED AREA IN ADDITION TO PRO-

VIDING EVEN STRICTER DISCHARGE STANDARDS, BUT AS INDICATED STATE REFTEL, IT FAR FROM COMING INTO FORCE. SYNOPSIS OF BOTH CONVENTIONS AND 1969 AMENDMENTS BEING SENT SEPTTEL.

3. WITH REGARD U.S. ACCESSION BARCELONA ACCORDS AND PROTOCOLS, ART. 26 EXCLUDES ACCESSION BY STATES THAT WERE NOT PARTICIPANTS IN 1976 CONFERENCE (U.S., AS NON-LITTORAL STATE, WAS ONLY AN OBSERVER) UNTIL CONVENTION AND RELEVANT PROTOCOLS HAVE ENTERED INTO FORCE AND SUBJECT PRIOR APPROVAL THREE-FOURTHS CONTRACTING PARTIES TO PROTOCOLS CONCERNED. THEREFORE BELIEVE IT PREMATURE AT THIS TIME TO RESPOND IN ANY DEFINITE WAY TO GOM'S INQUIRY, ALTHOUGH THIS IS NOT TO IMPLY WE WOULD NOT CONSIDER ACCESSION AT APPROPRIATE TIME.  
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